

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AT WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

Jesus Shaped Life: Courage

11:00 A.M.

TIME OF GATHERING: Read through Announcements, Pray over Concerns, Meditate on Celebrations and the wonder and grace of God, and Thanksgiving to God....
Please sign the red pads found in the pew and pass it to the next person.

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Johann Sebastian Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Leader will indicate the volume of each response with hands.

To every statement reply:

People: Jesus is Lord

*HYMN *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* No. 166

OPENING PRAYER

Most wonderful God, the beauty we see in Jesus is your beauty veiled in human flesh. If Christ's life is so holy as to fill us with wonder, how much more would your unveiled beauty leave us overwhelmed and trembling? You are more than the eye could bear, more than the mind can ever fathom. Yet you have so carefully made us that although we cannot fathom you, we can yet love you. Gratefully we bring our little lives to you, asking that our worship may arise from love and be shaped by love, and be directed towards that larger loving which is our soul's desire. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Philippians 2:1-11*

Liturgist: The Word of God for God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE *Christ Is the World's Light* No. 188 vs. 4

**Give God the glory, God and no other;
give God the glory, Spirit, Son and Father;
give God the glory, God with us, my brother:
glory to God on high.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God our creator who reaches out to us with grace and love.
We believe in Christ his son who shows us how our Father wants us to live.
We believe in the Holy Spirit who guides us through our lives.
And we believe in the call to repentance in these forty days of Lent.**

CHOIR ANTHEM *More Precious than Silver* Deshazo/arr. Stan Pethel

THE GOSPEL READING *Luke 9:23-26*
MESSAGE *"Dying to Save Yourself"* Pastor Janet Sattel

*HYMN *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 298

AN INVITATION TO PRAY

+Prayer of Confession

Eternal God and Father. You sent your son to be humbled and sacrificed for us. And yet we lack the courage to deny ourselves and put you at the center of our lives. When we clutch to our lives and keep them to ourselves, we find ourselves in a self-made prison, miserable and alone. When we assert our rights and demand privileges, then we find that we lose our lives. Forgive us when we try to go it alone: give us the courage to surrender to your love and grace. Amen.

+Pastoral Prayer

+Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

+Sung Response *Lead Me, Lord* No. 473

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word* Wayne L. Wold

*Congregational Response *Bless Thou the Gifts*

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

*HYMN *I Surrender All* No. 354

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your heart on things above.
Yes, set your mind on things above, not on earthly things.

People: We follow Christ and deny ourselves. This is a Jesus-shaped life. Amen.

***SUNG RESPONSE**

I Surrender All

No. 354

**I surrender all, I surrender all, all to thee,
My blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

***POSTLUDE**

O Lamb of God Most Holy

Robert Lau

*All stand if possible +All kneel or sit to pray

*The altar flowers for today are presented by Ron and Sue Brewer
to the honor and glory of God.*

We thank all those who helped with the service this morning.

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Mission Statement for the Church of the Good Shepherd

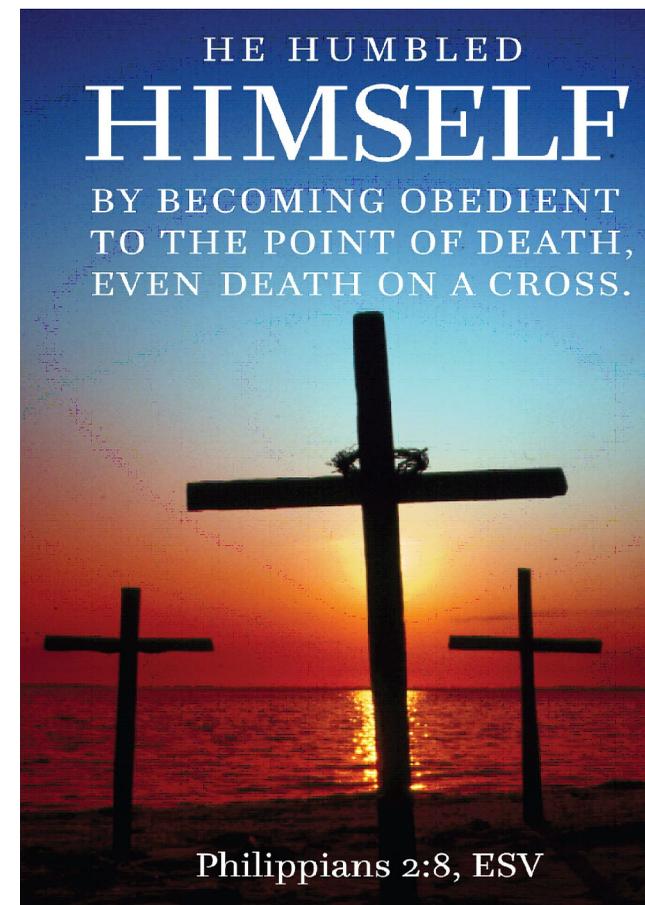
We are committed to:

- ▶ Connecting persons to Jesus Christ
- ▶ Connecting with broken and hurting people
- ▶ Challenging persons to grow and celebrate their relationship with Jesus Christ
- ▶ Equipping persons and partnering with them to serve in God-powered ministry



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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
Celebration of Faith



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The Courage of Jesus
“Dying to Save Yourself”
Philippians 2: 1-11; Luke 9:23-26
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Jesus laid his life down for us, and in order for us to find true life we must lay down our lives for him. Only in being empty will we find ourselves truly full, filled to the fullness of God. Remember that Jesus said, “For whoever wants to save their life will lose it but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” The fullness of God is found at the cross.

The call to discipleship is not free, but it is freeing. The call comes at a price: self-denial. But it comes with a rich reward of self-actualization - the new self that is found in living with Christ.

We must choose between the world and the cross. Isn't it absurd to think that we can guarantee a better life for ourselves than what God Almighty, the Creator of the Universe can give us?

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Calendar for Week of 3/27/2022

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11:00 - Confirmation Class [Forge]
11:00 - Parenting SS Class [Lounge]
2-4 - Private Recital [sanctuary]
3:30-5:30 - Drama Rehearsal [WC]
4: 00 - Private Hall, yth rm, Gthrng Area
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10am - Staff Meeting
4-8 - Private [sanctuary]
6:00 - CR Praise band rehearsal [WC]

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